

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Original) A method of managing resources, comprising:  
2 connecting to the resources;  
3 providing executable modules corresponding to the resources, the modules each  
4 implementing a common interface and corresponding to a different one of the resources;  
5 making calls to the common interface in each of the executable modules to cause the  
6 executable modules to return information about the corresponding resources; and  
7 storing the information about the corresponding resources in a database.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the resources comprise data storage resources.
- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the data storage resources reside in a  
2 datacenter controlled by a storage service provider.
- 1 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, ~~further~~ furthering comprising presenting the  
2 information to an administrator of the storage service provider.
- 1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the information comprises data storage  
2 resource attributes.
- 1 6. (Original) The method claim 5, further comprising enabling the administrator to select,  
2 for a given data storage resource, which of the data storage attributes are to be stored in the  
3 database.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the executable modules comprise JAVA  
2 classes.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:  
2 generating a directory of the executable modules; and  
3 placing each of the executable modules in the directory.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the common interface comprises a set of  
2 methods.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the methods include a first method that, when  
2 called, cause the executable module to identify the class of resources monitored by that  
3 executable module, and a second method that, when called, causes the executable module to  
4 discover any resources within the identified class that are connected.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the methods further include a third method  
2 that, when called, causes the executable module to poll the resources that were discovered by the  
3 executable module.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein results of the polling are provided in XML  
2 format.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the results of the polling are provided in a  
2 format other than XML and the executable module performing the polling converts the results of  
3 the polling to XML format.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the methods further comprise a fourth  
2 method that, when called, causes the executable module to return a list of services and associated  
3 parameters.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the methods further comprise a  
2 fifth method that, when called, causes the executable module to execute a requested one of the  
3 services on a list of services.

1 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein making calls to the common  
2 interface comprises making a call to the fifth method, and wherein making a call to the fifth  
3 method comprises specifying values of parameters associated with the requested one of the  
4 services received from a customer of the service provider.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
2 adding a new data storage resource to the datacenter;  
3 connecting to the new data storage resources;  
4 providing a new one of the executables modules to correspond to the new data storage  
5 resources;  
6 and  
7 placing the new one of the executable modules in the directory.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein making calls to the common interface  
2 comprises making calls to a common interface in the new one of the executable modules.

1 19. (Original) A computer program product residing on a computer-readable medium for  
2 managing resources, the computer program product comprising instructions causing a computer  
3 to:  
4 connect to the resources;  
5 provide executable modules corresponding to the resources, the modules each  
6 implementing a common interface and corresponding to a different one of the resources;  
7 make calls to the common interface in each of the executable modules to cause the  
8 executable modules to return information about the corresponding resources; and  
9 store the information about the corresponding resources in a database.

1 20. (Currently Amended) A system for managing resources comprising:  
2 a server configured to execute software for managing resources to which the server is  
3 connected; and

4            wherein the software includes resource-specific executable modules each corresponding  
5            to a different one of the managed resources and a resource-independent device configured to use  
6            the executable modules to monitor changes in configuration and attributes information associated  
7            with the corresponding managed devices and to store the configuration and attributes information  
8            associated with the corresponding managed devices from the executable modules in a database.

1            21.    (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the information about the corresponding resources  
2            is selected from: current configuration information, current performance information, and  
3            customer information.

1            22.    (New) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the information about the  
2            corresponding resources is selected from: current configuration information, current performance  
3            information, and customer information.

1            23.    (New) The system of claim 20 wherein the information associated with the corresponding  
2            managed devices is selected from: current configuration information, current performance  
3            information, and customer information.